

CHAPTER 53.

AN ACT for the more effectual protection of Public Worship in this State.
Supplement, 1827, ch. 29.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Prohibition.
That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to erect, place or have any booth, stall, tent, carriage, boat, vessel, or other vehicle or contrivance whatever, for the purpose or use of selling, giving, or otherwise disposing of spirituous liquors, wine, porter, beer, cider, or any other fermented, mixed, or strong drink, or any other articles of traffic, within two miles of any camp meeting, or other place of religious worship, during the time of holding any meeting for religious worship at such place, excepting as herein after excepted.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if any person or persons do, Proceedings directed—penalties, &c.
or shall violate this act, by erecting, placing or having any booth, stall, tent, carriage, boat or vessel, or other vehicle or contrivance for the purpose or use aforesaid, or by selling, bartering, giving or otherwise disposing of spirituous liquors, wine, porter, beer, cider, or other fermented, mixed, or strong drink, or any other articles of traffic within two miles of any such place of religious worship during the time of holding any meeting for religious worship at such place, the person or persons so offending, shall first be informed of his, her or their violation of this act, and shall be warned by any justice of the peace, constable, or two freeholders of the county in which the offence shall or may have been committed, to desist from such violations of this act, and to remove such booth, stall, tent, carriage, boat, vessel, vehicle, or other contrivance, together with all spirituous liquors, wine, porter, beer, cider, or other strong drink, or other articles of traffic belonging to, or in possession of the person or persons so offending; and if such person or persons on receiving such information and warning, shall forthwith cease to offend against the provisions of this act, and shall remove as aforesaid at least two miles from such place of religious worship, then no further proceedings under this act shall be had against such person or persons; but if such person or persons shall refuse or neglect immediately to remove as aforesaid, when informed and warned as aforesaid, then on conviction thereof before a magistrate of the county in which the offence shall or may be committed, all such spirituous liquors, wine, porter, beer, cider, and other fermented, mixed, or strong drink, and other articles of traffic, and all the vessels, chests, and other things containing the same, belonging to, or in the possession of the person or persons so offending, together with such booth, stall, tent, carriage, boat, vessel, vehicle, or other contrivance